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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

## (INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

To: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.:826.005 <b>RECEIVED</b> JUN 02 2004		
First Named Inventor	Hiroaki Takebe et al. Technology Center 2600		
Application No.	09/577,340	Group Art Unit	2621
Filing Date	May 24, 2000	Examiner	Tom Y Lu
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	5834
Title of Invention	PATTERN SEGMENTATION APPARATUS AND PATTERN RECOGNITION APPARATUS		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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**Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)**

- a.  Previously submitted  
i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 29, 2004  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed  
i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv.  Other

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**Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).  
b.  Other



	BASIC FEE	\$ 770.00	
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>April 29, 2004</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)):		110.00	
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)			
Total of above Calculations =		\$ 880.00	
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).			
TOTAL FEES DUE =		\$ 880.00	
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status: a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
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<b>6. METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>		Technology Center 2600	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$ 880.00</u> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)			
<b>7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: <b>Deposit Account No. 19-3935.</b>			
<b>8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>			
STAAS & HALSEY LLP  21171 <small>PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE</small>			
<b>9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>			
NAME	J. Randall Beckers	REGISTRATION NO.	30,358
SIGNATURE		DATE	5/27/04